Dec. 24, 1928.

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My dear Cousin Mary:

You will kindly pardon my long delay in answering your letter of last summer. Mrs. M. P. Collier, of Little Rock, Arkansas, happened to be visiting at El Paso at the time Mr. Wasson died and I received her letter the same day I got yours. I should have replied promptly and I am really ashamed of myself. The letter stayed on my desk for many weeks with the view of replying in my own hand writing, as it is not good form to send a personal letter through a machine; but I again will have to ask your pardon for sending a machine letter, as I am very nervous and have not been well for many weeks.

Durward, you know, is living at Athens, Georgia, being President of the Southern Manufacturing Company of that place, working about 700 people. He still has his home here, but it is vacant. He and his family are over here spending the week, and they come over every two or three weeks. The children are in school in Athens.

Give my love to the family all over the State of Texas when you write them.

I am sorry Texas went for Hoover, as I cannot forget the reconstruction period and what happened during 1855-56. My grandfather at that time was a very rich man, but Sherman's army went by his place and swiped everything he had except his land, which had no value, as he had no money, negroes or mules to operate it; and I cannot forget all that.

I trust to come to Texas next spring. If I do, I am coming to El Paso and I want to go on to California; that is if I can control my nerves. I am an overworked man and conditions have somewhat unsettled me, especially when I have a cold, and I have had one every winter since my last trip to Texas.

Give my regards to Mr. Harryman, and my love to the children.

Sincerely,

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